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Advisory Action

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

N. Drew Richards

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THE REPLY FILED 21 February 2002 FAILS TO PLACE THIS APPLICATION IN CONDITION FOR ALLOWANCE. Therefore, further action by the applicant is required to avoid abandonment of this application. A proper reply to a final rejection under 37 CFR 1.113 may only be either: (1) a timely filed amendment which places the application in condition for allowance; (2) a timely filed Notice of Appeal (with appeal fee); or (3) a timely filed Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.114.

PERIOD FOR REPLY [check either a) or b)]

- a) ☐ The period for reply expires _____ months from the mailing date of the final rejection.
- b) ☒ The period for reply expires on: (1) the mailing date of this Advisory Action, or (2) the date set forth in the final rejection, whichever is later. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of the final rejection. ONLY CHECK THIS BOX WHEN THE FIRST REPLY WAS FILED WITHIN TWO MONTHS OF THE FINAL REJECTION. See MPEP 706.07(f).

Extensions of time may be obtained under 37 CFR 1.136(a). The date on which the petition under 37 CFR 1.136(a) and the appropriate extension fee have been filed is the date for purposes of determining the period of extension and the corresponding amount of the fee. The appropriate extension fee under 37 CFR 1.17(a) is calculated from: (1) the expiration date of the shortened statutory period for reply originally set in the final Office action; or (2) as set forth in (b) above, if checked. Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of the final rejection, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

1. ☐ A Notice of Appeal was filed on _____. Appellant's Brief must be filed within the period set forth in 37 CFR 1.192(a), or any extension thereof (37 CFR 1.191(d)), to avoid dismissal of the appeal.
2. ☐ The proposed amendment(s) will not be entered because:
- (a) ☐ they raise new issues that would require further consideration and/or search (see NOTE below);
- (b) ☐ they raise the issue of new matter (see Note below);
- (c) ☐ they are not deemed to place the application in better form for appeal by materially reducing or simplifying the issues for appeal; and/or
- (d) ☐ they present additional claims without canceling a corresponding number of finally rejected claims.

NOTE: _____

3. ☐ Applicant's reply has overcome the following rejection(s): _____.
4. ☐ Newly proposed or amended claim(s) _____ would be allowable if submitted in a separate, timely filed amendment canceling the non-allowable claim(s).
5. ☒ The a) ☐ affidavit, b) ☐ exhibit, or c) ☒ request for reconsideration has been considered but does NOT place the application in condition for allowance because: See Continuation Sheet.
6. ☐ The affidavit or exhibit will NOT be considered because it is not directed SOLELY to issues which were newly raised by the Examiner in the final rejection.
7. ☐ For purposes of Appeal, the proposed amendment(s) a) ☐ will not be entered or b) ☐ will be entered and an explanation of how the new or amended claims would be rejected is provided below or appended.

The status of the claim(s) is (or will be) as follows:

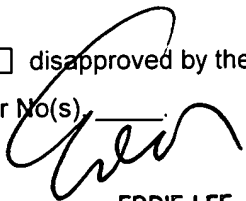
Claim(s) allowed: _____.

Claim(s) objected to: _____.

Claim(s) rejected: 9-12 and 14.

Claim(s) withdrawn from consideration: _____.

8. ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is a) ☐ approved or b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
9. ☐ Note the attached Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) _____.
10. ☐ Other: _____


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Continuation of 5. does NOT place the application in condition for allowance because: Applicant's arguments are not persuasive. Applicant has argued that the prior art suffers from the shortcoming of having metal contaminants with no motivation provided to one skilled in the art to rectify this shortcoming. This not persuasive because the prior art recognized the metal contamination and provides motivation for one skilled in the art to rectify the shortcoming, namely as the size of devices decreases the effect of damage caused by sputtered metal increases. Applicant also argues that the examiner has attempted to combine unrelated prior art teachings in an effort to arrive at the claimed invention and that the combination is not suggested in the prior art and is based upon prohibited hindsight. First, the teachings are related. Kaufman ion source implantation is related to PSII as they are both well known methods for implanting ions into a substrate. Second, the combination is not based upon prohibited hindsight. The reason for combining the teachings is from the prior art itself where it is recognized that the metal contamination is bad, thus the motivation to prevent metal contamination comes directly from the prior art and is not prohibited hindsight. Applicant then argues that the problem of metal contamination was not addressed anywhere in the prior art teachings. This is incorrect as the problem is recognized on page 1 lines 18-23 of the prior art and thus it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to solve the problem presented. Applicant then argues that there is no reasonable expectation of success. This is not persuasive as PSII is used to dope semiconductors (page 2 line 11) thus it is expected that the process would be successful. Also, it is reasonable to assume that since it has been recognized that the metal contamination comes from the metal grid, using PSII without a metal grid will not cause contamination.